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The attached paper outlines proposed points for your talk to the FE Chiefs of Station. Only three of the people on both lists (chiefs and invited guests) did not have KH; have arranged via [REDACTED] for each to be cleared. I believe the station chiefs will want to know and will benefit from hearing a bit on the extent to which imagery and COMINT contribute to certain intelligence problems on the area. Have included something on this in the paper.

The paper probably contains more than you will want to use and you probably will want to go into greater detail on some points. Most of the chiefs are fairly sophisticated group so I don't believe you will encounter any knit-picks on specific reports, requirements or evaluations. I have talked with Bill Morell about his experiences last year. He made the following points:

✓ a. Last year Adm. Taylor spoke to the group and mentioned the "requirements" problem and the fact of the I.G. Survey then underway. We have included something on the results of the Survey, on IRAG and on the effort to beef up validation of requirements and evaluations.

b. Each station chief will report on the situation and outlook in his country as he sees it. Therefore you should look over the principal estimates on countries in the area because the views of some station chiefs may differ from those in the estimates and you may want to rebutt.

c. The hours of the conference will be long. Work goes on days and evenings, and outside of the formal sessions individual station chiefs will engage you in informal discussion. Bill strongly suggests getting lots of rest the day or night before the conference starts.

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Related to b. above and to controversial points, you probably remember that OCI and [REDACTED] had a "thing" going over some of Willy's statements in his [REDACTED] reports. I am not familiar with the substance of the differences but if Sid is with you, he can fill you in or handle it for you.

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